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City Hall Closed Dec. 25 and Jan. 1 for Winter Holidays Recycling Pickups Added; No Refuse Pick-ups Jan. 21

Rockville City Hall will be closed on Tuesday, Dec. 25, and Tuesday, Jan. 1, for official City holidays of Christmas and New Year's Day, respectively. While some Rockville facilities will close for the holidays, others will operate on special schedules on Dec. 24, 25, 26 and Jan. 1.

Refuse and recycling will not be collected on Tuesday, Dec. 25 and Jan. 1. However, this schedule would cause households with Tuesday recycling to miss two consecutive weeks. To help households with Tuesday recycling schedules, the City has added special recycling only pickups for Wednesday, Dec. 26 and Jan. 2.

Due to the recent announcement to close the Montgomery County transfer station for Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Day, Rockville will not collect refuse or yard waste on Jan. 21. The City will collect recycling only on Jan. 21.

City parking meter fees will be suspended on Dec. 25 and Jan. 1. Below is the status of Rockville facilities and programs for the Christmas and New Year's holidays:

- City Hall will be closed on Dec. 25 and Jan. 1
- No money will be required for parking meters on Dec. 25 and Jan. 1
- Refuse and recycling will not be collected on Dec. 25 and Jan. 1. However, for households that have Tuesday recycling, special recycling only pickups have been added for Wednesday, Dec. 26 and Jan. 2
- The Twinbrook Community Recreation Center will be open from 6 a.m. to 6 p.m. on Christmas Eve, Dec. 24, and will be closed on Dec. 25. It will open from 6 a.m.-6 p.m. on Dec. 31 and will be

closed on Jan. 1

- The Lincoln Park Community Center will be open on Christmas Eve, Dec. 24, from 9 a.m.-6 p.m. and will be closed on Dec. 25. It will open from 9 a.m.-6 p.m. on New Year's Eve, Dec. 31, and will be closed on Jan. 1
- The Rockville Municipal Swim Center will be closed on Dec. 25 and Jan. 1. The Swim Center will close early at 4:00 p.m. on Christmas Eve and New Year's Eve
- RedGate Municipal Golf Course will be closed Dec. 25 and Jan. 1
- The Croydon Creek Nature Center will be closed on Dec. 24, Dec. 25, Dec. 31 and Jan. 1
- Rockville Civic Center Park offices will be closed Dec. 25 and Jan. 1
- The Glenview Mansion, F. Scott Fitzgerald Theatre and Box Office will all be closed on Dec. 25 and Jan. 1

In addition, the City reminds everyone during extreme cold weather that if they have a water or sewer problem, before calling a plumber, their first call should be to the City's emergency hotline at 240-314-8567. That also is the number to call if a fallen tree causes a problem or if there is a hazardous street problem. The City will determine if the situation is one that will be addressed by City crews or if private contractors need to be called.

The City's Department of Public Works also suggests that when temperatures are freezing cold, it is a good idea to let indoor and outdoor faucets drip slightly, keeping water flowing and diminishing the chance of having pipes freeze and break. **RR**



"Simunitions" are a vital tool for the Rockville City Police Department. The realistic situations the officers experienced is part of their extensive training.

"Simunitions" Training Prepares Rockville's Cops Shots Fired Against Police Officers in Simulated Crisis Situation

Piercing sounds of rapid gunfire and speeding bullets filled the air. Rockville police officers reacted quickly to protect their team and to locate the source of the shots.

The danger was not due to a robbery or a confrontation; it was not even real. The gunshots were all part of "Simunitions," or simulated ammunition. This is a special training for Rockville police officers that uses real weapons retrofitted to shoot rubber bullets with pain tips to simulate a crisis situation where the pressure, and the danger, is high.

"Simunitions is like a game

of high-tech paintball," said Sgt. John Converse, who oversaw the program. "Officers are put in real-life situations to practice and maintain survival skills."

The training was held at an off-site location. Officers worked in teams of three to investigate a situation where a warehouse door was left open. Inside, multiple rounds of shots were fired at the officers and they had to react quickly to determine the location of the shots and to disarm the shooter.

The officers were equipped with bulletproof vests and helmets and nine-millimeter auto-

matic guns. Lasers and flashlights also were used to detect intruders, but the teams soon learned that using these gave away their position to potential shooters.

After each simulation, Converse went over the strengths and weaknesses of how each team handled the situation. "We want our officers to learn good communication and teamwork skills so that when confronted with this danger in the field, they will respond and react successfully and safely."

Many teams learned that sometimes leaving the situation is the best move. If the location of the shots cannot be determined, it is best to secure the perimeter and call for backup, Converse explained.



Target practice helps keep officers skills up-to-date.

"We want our officers well trained," said Converse. "Our officers receive on average, 60-80 hours of training per year and this is one vital component to ensure safety in the community."

The Rockville Channel (TRC 11) will feature this "Simunitions" program on *City Hall Report* through mid January. Refer to the TRC programming schedule on page 8 for days and times. **RR**

—by Gabrielle Stranieri

Planning Commission Worksessions on the Twinbrook Neighborhood Plan:

January 9 at 7 p.m.
January 30 at 7 p.m.

A Discussion on Chapter 4 (Non-residential areas)
Continuation of Discussion on Chapter 4 (Non-residential areas)

Both meetings will be held in the Mayor and Council Chambers at City Hall (111 Maryland Ave.) and will be televised live on TRC 11 and re-aired throughout the following weeks (refer to the programming schedule on page 8 for days and times).

For more information on the Draft Plan, including illustrations, visit www.rockvillemd.gov/masterplan/twinbrook/index.

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Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Celebration Moves to Rockville High School Jan. 21

Featured Guest and Actor, Jim Lucas, and Youth Performances will be Highlights of 36th Annual Event

As one of the largest Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., birthday celebrations in the Washington, D.C. area, the City of Rockville will commemorate what would have been King's 78th birthday with a free program of speeches and entertainment for the second time at Rockville High School on Monday, Jan. 21, at 12 noon. Rockville High School is located at 2100 Baltimore Rd. The event will be held in the school's auditorium to provide more room for an expanding audience. More than 600 are expected to attend the celebration.

The featured guest will be actor Jim Lucas. Lucas is a noted movie and television actor, civil rights activist, and loyal follower of Dr. King's legacy and teachings. He will present an excerpt from Dr. King's final speech *I've Been to the Mountaintop*. He has received acclaim across the nation for his stirring and dramatic recitations and interpretive readings depicting the life and times of King. President Clinton called him, "The most authentic and exhilarating King I have ever seen."

The public is invited to attend the event, which is made possible by the Mayor and Council of Rockville and the Rockville Human Rights Commission.

"This year's annual



Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Birthday Celebration, will be better than ever," said Theo Anderson, chair of Rockville Human Rights Commission. "The Rockville Human Rights

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— Theo Anderson,
Human Rights Commission Chair

Commission is proud and honored to be allowed to continue to play the lead role in keeping Dr. King's goals, ideas, philosophy and purpose at the forefront of the minds of the Rockville citizens. It helps for us to remember that we've come a long way, but still have a long way to go to ensure that civil rights and equality are realized by all citizens in the country."

Performances by Mount Calvary Baptist Church's Puppet Ministry, Soul in Motion Players, Duke Ellington Show Choir, Jerusalem Mount Pleasant United Methodist Church's Inspirations Youth Choir, and the Meloso Duo (during the Prelude) will uplift and inspire those in attendance.

In addition, the City's Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., Youth Award and the F. Michael Taff Award will be presented to a student and an adult, respectively, who have made a significant difference for human rights and quality of life in the City.

For more information about this year's program, call 240-314-8316. Rockville High School is wheelchair accessible. To contact the City's Americans with Disabilities Act Coordinator, call 240-314-8139 or TTY 240-314-8137.

For directions, weather and program updates, please call 240-314-5022. **RR**

Made A New Years Resolution to Lose Weight and Get Fit?

The Rockville Municipal Swim Center May Be Just the Place!

There has never been a better time to join classes at the Rockville Municipal Swim Center.

Whether to begin a weight loss regimen to shed that extra holiday weight, or to get out and get active, the Swim Center is a great facility to help meet those goals.

The Center offers water fitness classes for people of all ages and abilities.

There also is a full schedule of Learn to Swim classes for all ages — from babies and toddlers through adults.

Here are a few fun facts about aquatic exercise:

- Exercise in the water offers ease to sore muscles and joints as the water releases undue pressure/stress that land exercise creates
- 30 minutes of water walking is equal to 2 hours of walking on land
- Adjust workouts simply by varying the depth of the water



The Rockville Municipal Swim Center is located at 355 Martins Ln.

- Most physicians are now realizing the benefits of aquatic exercise and are encouraging patients to develop an aquatic-based workout to stay healthy
- The instructors at the Rockville Swim Center are all certified fitness instructors to meet the ever-changing needs of users
- It's easy to make new friends at the Center and easy to continue a fitness schedule.

Simply put, the Center offers many challenging and fun classes with qualified staff.

For a complete listing of classes, view the *Winter Recreation Guide* at www.rockvillemd.gov and click on the box that says Rock Enroll. Call 240-314-8750, visit www.rockvillemd.gov/swimcenter or stop by at the Rockville Municipal Swim Center at 355 Martins Lane, Rockville, Md. 20850 for more information or to become a member. **RR**



Focus on THE ENVIRONMENT

Living responsibly: small steps that can make a big difference.

In the wake of big issues like Global Warming, it is common for individuals to feel hopeless or believe that changes or actions made will not achieve any meaningful difference. Small changes to daily routines can have a powerful impact.

The following are a list of helpful tips for living responsibly and environmentally consciously, and many are also beneficial to personal health and to the wallet.

Re-use:

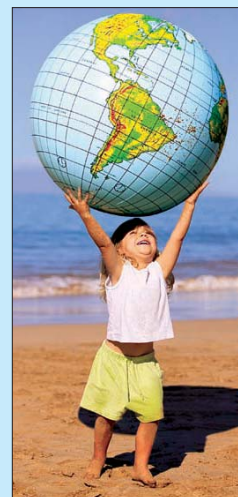
- Recycle: empty bottles of liquids and remove plastic caps
- Use non-disposable containers and reusable containers for work
- Re-wear clothing; donate old clothing instead of throwing away

Reclaim:

- Eliminate harmful fertilizers by composting; designate an area in the yard to put all uneaten food products. These organic products enrich the soil as they degrade.

Conserve:

- Turn off all electrical appliances when not in use
 - Turn down the heat — even by one degree can make a huge difference
 - Switch to energy efficient light bulbs; put a brick in the freezer and toilet tank to use less energy to cool and water to fill, respectively
 - Eat at least two vegetarian meals a week
 - Walk, use public transportation or carpool whenever possible
- It may be just a start, but



Becoming stewards of the environment ensures a better tomorrow for our children.

collectively one community can make a big difference.

Less Salt Helps the Environment

Keeping pathways clear and ice and snow off of sidewalks and driveways is important for personal safety. After the salt and sand melts away, it washes into Rockville's streams and waterways, causing potential environmental consequences.

Removing fresh snow before it has a chance to freeze is the best method to keep pavements clear. Choosing de-icing products with calcium chloride (CaCl₂) is better for the environment than the popular rock salt or sodium chloride (NaCl).

Visit www.rockvillemd.gov/environment/index.html for more information. **RR**

— by Gabrielle Stranieri

Rockville Remembers Nominees Selected

The *Rockville Remembers* project is a new program for Rockville residents to honor those who have made a positive difference to the community. A call for nominations was included in the October issue of *Rockville Reports*.

Nominees were evaluated according to several criteria. The contribution of the nominated individual, business or organization must have occurred since 1950 and the nominees must have been residents or established in Rockville for at least 25 years. In addition, the contribution must demonstrate concern for the community's well-being and overall quality of life in the City and must be beyond the scope of typical citizen involvement or professional/business responsibilities.

A panel of three community leaders convened to evaluate

the nominations and to make selections. The panel included Mark Poletunow, Executive Director, Community Ministries of Rockville; Debra Liverpool, President, Rockville Chamber of Commerce; and Terry Lachin, Program Coordinator, Peerless Rockville.

The panel unanimously selected the following individuals to honor: **William E. Wood**, a local civil rights activist and founder of the Rockville Memorial Day parade; **Dickran Hovsepian**, Rockville mayor from 1954 to 1958 which coincided with a period of extraordinary growth and change in the City; and Hovsepian's wife, **Viola Hovsepian**, who served as Rockville's first female mayor or three decades later. Each of these individuals will be commemorated with biographical displays in two kiosks in Town Center. **RR**

Rockville's Portion of the Pike Discussed at Public Meeting

Community Kick-Off Meeting a Success; Next Scheduled Meeting is for February

More than 150 Rockville guests showed up at the Ramada Inn and Meeting Centre on Dec. 4 to discuss the future of Rockville Pike.

The meeting was the first in a series of public meetings that will be held over the next 18 months, all of which are aimed at improving and guiding the future of Rockville's portion of Rockville Pike (between Twinbrook Pkwy. and Richard Montgomery Dr.) and its neighboring areas.

The project is known as *Rockville's Pike: Envision a Great Place*.

The community meeting was open to the public. All people who use the Pike, or would like to use the Pike, in any way, whether working, living, shopping, driving, walking or biking, were encouraged to attend.

Mayor Susan Hoffmann and City Manager Scott Ullery offered opening remarks.

The consulting team, which was hired by the City of

Rockville, gave a presentation of the planning process, the themes that will be discussed, and some potential tools available to address issues regarding the Pike.

Particular themes in the presentation included transportation, real estate economics, and urban design.



After the presentation, the attendees gathered into small groups for discussions regarding the most critical issues and potential solutions. Input from the small group discussions, including table dialogues and summary reports will be viewable at the City of Rockville's Web site www.rockvillemd.gov/rockvillespike, once the material has been collated. For more information from this meeting, stay tuned to The Rockville Channel (TRC 11).

There will be many opportunities for the public to provide input on the plan with a stakeholder's workshop scheduled to take place in February.

At that meeting, the consulting team will present a summary of initial input received at both the kick-off meeting and from targeted interviews on the Rockville Pike plan. The goal of the meeting will be to refine the definition of the challenges that the planning process will seek to address.

It will do so, in part, by engaging the participants in a mapping exercise to identify strengths and weaknesses of the surrounding Pike area and a follow-up exercise regarding critical issues discussed at the first meeting.

Rockville Reports will continue to provide information on future meetings and public forums. **RR**

— by Scott Rogers

Streetlight Initiative Features Brighter Lights, Trimmer Trees in East Rockville

Presentation of Project is Scheduled for Spring Mayor and Council Budget Sessions

In an effort to improve streetlight safety in east Rockville, the City is in the preliminary stages of replacing existing streetlights with higher intensity lights and removing excess trees that are blocking lights, thereby causing potential safety issues during the evening hours.

For the last two months, the City of Rockville's Traffic and Transportation Division has been collecting data for hundreds of streetlights in east Rockville and is currently in the initial phase of identifying locations that would be eligible for high priority designation.

The chief concern is with the PEPCO-installed streetlights on some roads, such as McAuliffe Dr. and Broadwood Dr. between Lewis Ave. and Veirs Mill Rd. Currently, these streets are utilizing Mercury Vapor (MV) lights. "MV lights usually fade gradually, and therefore, should be replaced," explained Traffic and Transportation Division Chief Ema Elshafei. "Even after pruning some of the trees, it was concluded that the lights should be replaced with the brighter



Streetlight safety is a concern for East Rockville residents and with the new tree trimming and light replacement proposals, many streetlights like this one along Broadwood Dr. could undergo major repairs.

HPS (High Pressure Sodium) lights."

All of the streetlights on the east side of Rockville are PEPCO-owned and the process to upgrade them encompasses a few long-term steps: The City will request a proposal from PEPCO, which will then prepare a plan for implementation. If the City accepts their initial proposal, PEPCO will employ the HPS streetlights.

"This process takes about a year to execute because PEPCO has to complete a design before

submitting a proposal," said Elshafei. "This step alone takes between three and nine months, depending on the case."

The Traffic and Transportation Division has included a preliminary proposal of \$300,000 to be incorporated into the Streetlight Capital Improvement Program for the 2009 fiscal year.

This streetlight upgrade project will be presented to the Mayor and Council during budget sessions later this spring. **RR**

— by Scott Rogers



Rockville's own Glenview Mansion draped in snow this winter.

Winter Weather Reminders Heavy Snow Could Mean Snow Emergency Parking Rules Enforced

The City of Rockville has an effective snow emergency plan which helps clear the streets faster. When a snow emergency has been declared, residents will be asked to park in designated areas so snow plows can clear roads more quickly. These areas include available garages or personal driveways. If that is unavailable, residents are asked to park on sides of the street with even house numbers. Once that street is clear of snow, cars must be moved to the odd-numbered side. If residents fail to comply, they can be ticketed or towed.

When a major winter weather event is predicted, residents should watch local news stations, including The Rockville Channel (TRC 11), listen to the radio or visit www.rockvillemd.gov to learn if Rockville is under a snow emergency. A complete list of radio and television stations that announce this information can be found on page 7 of *Rockville Reports*.

Conditions leading to a snow emergency are significant, deep snow. The city manager may declare a snow emergency and will announce the status through local media, www.rockvillemd.gov and TRC 11.

The snow emergency ordinance states:

- Residents with driveways must park vehicles there
- Residents without driveways, or who have more vehicles than the driveway will allot, may park on the even-numbered side of the street only
- In courts or cul-de-sacs, where addresses are not even on one side of the street and odd on the other, parking is allowed only on the left side of the streets as one enters the cul-de-sac or court
- No parking is allowed in the "bulb" of the cul-de-sac or court
- After the snowfall ends and the odd-numbered side of the street is cleared, vehicles must be moved to the odd-numbered side to allow plows to clear the even-numbered side
- The City may remove or impound cars improperly parked
- A fine of \$100 for a snow emergency parking violation will be incurred

For more information, contact the Public Works Department at 240-314-8500. **RR**



CITIZENS ARE ASKED TO UNCOVER FIRE HYDRANTS AFTER IT SNOWS... In the event of an emergency, it's very important for fire hydrants to be clear of snow. Emergency personnel will be better able to attend to an emergency if the hydrants are visible from the street.

Historic Preservation Tax Credit Workshop Offered

Rockville Historic Preservation staff will host a Tax Credit Workshop for owners of designated properties in Rockville on Saturday, Jan. 12 from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. at City Hall, 111 Maryland Avenue.

The workshop will begin with a brief overview of the county, state and federal tax credit programs. Staff will have applications and information available and will meet individually with property owners to help complete the forms and organize the documentation needed to apply for these incentives.

Call 240-314-8230 or E-mail history@rockvillemd.gov to schedule a 15-20 minute appointment during the workshop. Property owners who do not have pre-scheduled appointments may be assisted as time allows.

Tax Credit Workshop Agenda

- I. **Overview of Tax Credits (30 minutes)**
County Property Tax Credits, State of Maryland Historic Income Tax Credits, Homeowner Heritage Preservation Tax Credits, Federal Rehabilitation Income Tax Credits, Concurrent Activities
- II. **Appointments**
Staff meets with property owners one-to-one 20-30 minute intervals
- III. **Drop-in Help Desk**
Specific questions/quick information needs, Onsite appointments filled if applicable
- IV. **Trouble Shooting**
Help residents with organization, finding lost files etc. **RR**

Historic Rehabilitation Tax Credit Workshop

- WHO:** Owners of designated historic properties or properties potentially eligible for historic designation
- WHAT:** 10 percent Property Tax Credit for exterior maintenance and rehabilitation work; 20 percent State Income Tax Credit for work more than \$5,000. To qualify for the credit, work must be approved before it is started; 20 percent Federal Income Tax credit for commercial properties (NR) for work over adjusted basis minus depreciation
- WHEN:** January 12, 9 a.m. to 12 p.m.
- WHERE:** Mayor and Council Chambers, City Hall (111 Maryland Ave.)
- WHY:** Assist owners of historic properties with applications, making it easier to realize financial incentives

Communication Increases with Monthly Neighborhood Newsletters

Communities also Network via Regional Newspapers, Web-pages, Blogs, Electronic Media Lists, and More

Rockville residents have at their fingertips a wide-range of local communication resources.

While the City newsletter *Rockville Reports* and local newspapers such as *The Gazette* and *The Sentinel* offer residents an excellent source of public information, community newsletters and newspapers provide individual neighborhoods another source of news and information designed specifically for the community.

Neighborhoods and civic associations such as the King Farm Citizens Assembly and the Americana Center Condominium Association are two examples of the many communities within Rockville that offer residents monthly newsletters and newspapers.

Whether it's events in the Rockville area, resident activities, cultural and social activities, or basic community news, these volunteer-run publications have it all.

Debbie Jackson, editor of Americana's *The Centre Line*, believes the newsletter keeps residents in touch with one another.

"In our case, people rely and enjoy *The Centre Line*. Along with pertinent information coming from the Americana, residents are used to accessing the various cooking recipes and crossword puzzles that are in so many of them," explained Jackson.

According to Jackson, the newsletter is the most popular form of communication among Americana residents.



Similar to Americana, the hard-copied version of *The Chronicle* is more popular with residents than other information sources.

"We just did a survey and *The King Farm Chronicle* came in first place followed by the community's Web site for the ways in which residents know and keep up-to-date about information in the community," Escher added.

Neighborhoods also communicate with online materials such as Web pages, Weblogs or "blogs" and electronic mailing lists.

RockNet, for example, is a Rockville community Web page updated regularly by resident volunteers. Visit www.rocknet.org for information regarding local businesses, non-profit organizations, City government, and more. Links to civic and homeowner association Web sites also appear on *RockNet*.

Blogs are an increasingly popular source of community-produced information. Brad Rourke's Web site, www.rockvillecentral.blogspot.com, is one example of the myriad of blogs out there that touch on a variety of Rockville-related topics.

A number of Rockville neighborhoods also maintain electronic mailing lists as the primary method of communication.

E-lists allow for widespread distribution of information among many Internet users.

More coverage of these online resources will appear in future issues of *Rockville Reports*. **RR**

—By Scott Rogers

Camp Registration For City Residents Begins Jan. 23



WATCH FOR THE CAMP GUIDE... The Guide will be mailed approximately Jan. 16. There will be camps available for all age groups, with a wide array of specialty camps too. Registration begins Jan. 23. Sign up as soon as possible, as camps fill quickly.

Share your Healthy Achievements with

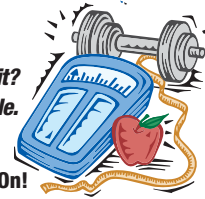
ROCK-ON!

*Have you completed a marathon?
Has a friend finally quit smoking?
Did a family member detect an illness early, thereby beating it?
Maybe you lost some weight and are living a healthier lifestyle.*

If so, the City of Rockville's Community Wellness Program wants to hear about it! Share these success stories, and motivate others by using **Rock-On!** — the new online form designed to promote community wellness citywide.

Visit www.rockvillemd.gov/residents/wellness/ and E-mail the form to hboguski@rockvillemd.gov. Send in a story about yourself or someone you know who has made a positive life change. Healthy achievements, such as completing a comprehensive health screening, should be celebrated. Pictures are optional but we'd love to see the results of your success.

Through *Rock-On!* your stories might encourage others to make changes in their lives when they need it the most.



INSIDE MAYOR & COUNCIL

A Glimpse into the
City Government at Work

Mayor and Council Unanimously Approve Creation of Green Building Program

City Spends '08 Developing Comprehensive Program; 1st Phase Begins Soon

The five-member Mayor and Council voted unanimously during a recent public meeting to approve a process to be used for the creation of Rockville's Green Building Program. The program will seek to examine all aspects of the City's environmental impact over the next year and to proactively solicit public input in the shaping of any final recommendation before it is given to the Mayor and Council for review. A major goal of the Green Building Program creation process will be to determine the best approach for the City of Rockville.

"I am very excited about this program because the 'green' movement is something I am very passionately involved in," said Rockville Mayor Susan R. Hoffmann. "This is a new initiative for Rockville, but by doing this, we recognize the importance of making our City more energy efficient as well as more eco-friendly. I am very interested in seeing Rockville transformed into a model green City."

As part of the development process, the City will spend the majority of 2008 asking and trying to answer a series of in-depth questions such as how will the City define what "green" means, how "green" does the City want

to go, and what are the lifecycle costs and potential savings of green buildings in the City among others.

"We've been talking about doing something like this for quite a while, trying to develop a green building ordinance," said Faith Klareich, chair of the City's Commission on the Environment. The Commission is a nine-member group of Rockville residents. These residents have an environment-related career or educational background, are general citizens and educators. One student member serves on the Commission as well. "When I'm out there in the community, I certainly hear from people about wanting guidance on improving their homes' efficiency and lower utility bills. I think people are clamoring for something like this in Rockville."

"We've done a lot of research and looked at some of what other cities are doing and why they did it. There's a lot of potential ways we can go with this type of policy but more and more we see the request for guidance," Klareich added. "Hopefully, in the end, we'll see that businesses and residents will have more money in their pockets from lower utility bills and cleaner air,



One of the first issues at hand for Rockville's 61st Mayor and Council was the creation of Rockville's Green Building Program. In their official group photo, they are pictured front row from left to right, Councilmember Phyllis Marcuccio, Mayor Susan Hoffmann and Councilmember Anne Robbins. Back row from left to right, Councilmembers Piotr Gajewski and John B. Britton.

reduced landfills, and better water conservation."

The first phase of the program will begin in January with the City's Commission on the Environment facilitating a series of data gathering and question and answer meetings to gauge the interest and expectations of major stakeholders, which includes residents, private sector building owners, and developers along with others who have an interest. From those meetings, the Commission

will draft a set of initial recommendations on the structure of Rockville's Green Building Program.

The Mayor and Council are expected to make a final adoption of the program in December 2008.

For more information on this new initiative, contact either Mark Charles, Chief of Environmental Development, at 240-314-8871 or Nate Wall, Environmental Specialist, at 240-314-8872. **RR**

Fourth Public Forum On the Revised Zoning Ordinance, Jan. 10

Planning Commission Hearing Scheduled for Jan. 23

The City's Planning and Zoning Ordinance is undergoing a major update and revision. Citizen input is needed and appreciated. The final public forum on the ordinance will be held at the Glenview Mansion on Jan. 10 at 7 p.m. This is the last forum before the Planning Commission Hearing on Jan. 23.

The Ordinance, which is Chapter 25 of the City Code, was last updated in 1975. In those past 30 years, many new zoning concepts have reshaped the urban planning field. The City's code needs to be revised to reflect and incorporate these 21st Century concepts appropriate for a city that is maturing toward full development.

Rockville is fast becoming "built out," in that there is very little undeveloped land left. The zoning ordinance in many respects reflected development

standards for a new, growing community. In-fill development and redevelopment of obsolete uses provides an opportunity for the City to remake its image, provided the appropriate zoning tools are available.

Why revise the Zoning Ordinance? The City Code was last comprehensively revised in 1975; 206 amendments have been proposed; to raise City standards for the built environment; and to ensure a simple, accessible and transparent development review process is in place.

The zoning revision staff can be reached at zoning@rockvillemd.gov or 240-314-8220. For more information visit www.rockvillemd.gov/zoning.

The insert in this month's *Rockville Reports* offers more comprehensive information on the Ordinance revision. **RR**



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Councilmember
John B. Britton



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Councilmember
Phyllis Marcuccio



Councilmember
Anne Robbins

Mayor & Council Drop In

The Mayor and one Councilmember are available to meet with residents on a drop-in basis in the Mayor and Council office at City Hall from 5:30-6:30 p.m. one Monday per month. Call the City Clerk's Office (240-314-8280) as drop-in times are subject to change.

In addition to Mayor Hoffmann, the Councilmember scheduled for December is:

- Jan. 14 (Mon.): Phyllis Marcuccio

Mayor & Council Meetings

All General Sessions, Worksessions and Public Hearings are televised on The Rockville Channel (TRC 11), and are available on streaming video at: www.rockvillemd.gov. Citizens may comment on any subject for up to three minutes during the "Citizens Forum" portion at most general session meetings. All meetings are subject to change.

- Jan. 7 (Mon.) Citizens Forum, 7 p.m.
- Jan. 14 (Mon.) Citizens Forum, 7 p.m.
- Jan. 22 (Tues.) Citizens Forum, 7 p.m.
- Jan. 28 (Mon.) Citizens Forum, 7 p.m.

Watch Mayor and Council meetings live on

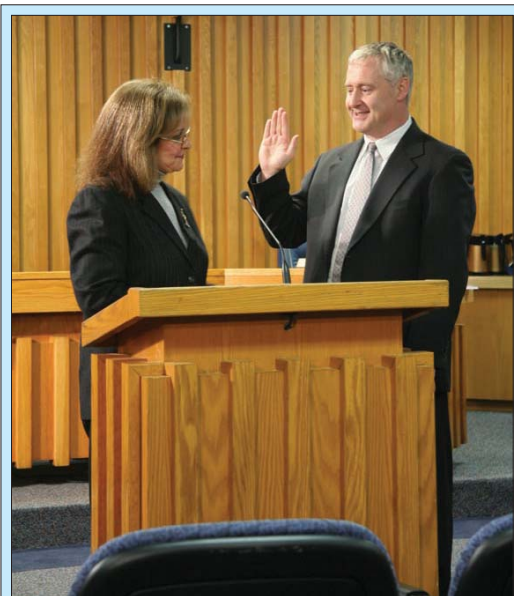


Boards & Commissions Vacancies

The City is seeking applicants for appointment to the following:

- Board of Appeals (one)
- Compensation Commission (one)
- Cultural Arts Commission (one)
- Historic District Commission (one)
- Human Rights Commission (three)
- Personnel Appeals Board (one)
- Rec & Parks Advisory Board (two)
- Retirement Board (two)
- Rockville Scholarship Foundation (one)
- Rockville Sister City (one)

For more information, contact the Office of the City Clerk at 240-314-8280 or visit rockvillemd.gov.



GAJEWSKI SWORN IN... After breakfast in Warsaw, lunch in Munich and dinner in Chicago, Councilmember Piotr Gajewski was sworn in during the Dec. 3 Mayor and Council meeting after a long day of overseas travel.

Councilmember Gajewski was not sworn in during the inauguration because he was in Poland for a long-standing work related commitment.

OUT & ABOUT IN ROCKVILLE

Highlighting City Events and Programs



A bridal gown show is of course part of the Rockville Bridal Expo, held at the Glenview Mansion again this year.



Just one of many wedding cakes on display at the Expo.

Rockville Bridal Expo is The One – To Help With All Those Wedding Plans

Many Vendors to Offer Samples, Discussions, Displays

The vows have been made and the date has been set – for the 9th Annual Glenview Mansion Bridal Expo. This event is the perfect opportunity for anyone who has ever dreamed of making his or her wedding special and for those who wish to avoid the stress and hassle of planning an unforgettable event.

The Bridal Expo will be held on January 27 from 12 to 4 p.m. at the City's historic Glenview Mansion in Rockville Civic Center Park. Tickets are \$5 and can be purchased at the door.

Prospective brides, grooms, wedding planners and anyone else involved in planning a wedding or special event will love the ease and convenience of Glenview's Expo. A variety

of vendors will be available to discuss wedding plans and will display samples of their work. Services of the many vendors attending include: invitations, music, photography, jewelry, party gifts, floral arrangements and make-up. And what is a wedding without food? A number of caterers from the metropolitan area will showcase tempting displays as well as menu ideas and sample tastings.

"The Bridal Expo is a fantastic way for anyone involved in planning a wedding to sample and select the finest services to help make their day special," said Susan Klise, Coordinator of the Bridal Expo.

Participants can expect to see several bridal gowns in-

formally modeled throughout the day and during the bridal gown fashion show.

Included in those attending the Expo are bakeries, spas, photographers, equipment rentals and DJs.

"While each couple ultimately makes the arrangements for their wedding, we assist them by offering the opportunity to look through photo albums, speak with representatives, select vendor cards and get ideas from an assortment of free bridal magazines and portfolios," said Klise.

For more information or questions on the event, call 240-314-8660 or visit the Web site at www.rockvillemd.gov/glenview/bridalexpo. **RR**

— by Gabrielle Stranieri

What's Happening at Civic Center Park

F. Scott Fitzgerald and Glenview Mansion great Offerings this Month

At F. Scott Fitzgerald Theatre

Rockville Regional Youth Orchestra: The City of Rockville presents a winter concert by the Rockville Regional Youth Orchestra (RRYO) at the F. Scott Fitzgerald Theatre on Jan. 29 at 7:30 p.m.

The talented student musicians who make up the RRYO have rehearsed for months to bring their marvelous sound to this show. "We are lucky to have several instruments that fully round out our musical sound and amazingly talented students who are committed to the music," said Bryan Seith, Director of the RRYO.



One of many watercolors on display at the Mansion Art Gallery this month.

Society has been in existence since 1885 and counts 450 artists as members. Also exhibiting in Jan. will be the works of local artist Yeonhee Ji, whose ceramics were chosen for their exquisite design.

Meet the artists at the opening reception on Sunday, Jan. 6 from 1:30 - 3:30 p.m.



The Rockville Regional Youth Orchestra performs often at the F. Scott Fitzgerald Theatre; their next performance is Jan. 29.

At The Glenview Mansion

Baltimore Watercolor Society: The Glenview Mansion Art Gallery at Rockville Civic Center Park is proud to host the Baltimore Watercolor Society exhibit during Jan.

The Baltimore Watercolor



Scott Giambusso will perform at the mansion Jan. 6.

Scott Giambusso and Jazz Trio: Sunday Afternoon Concert in the Mansion featuring Scott Giambusso and his fabulous jazz trio. Giambusso, a DC native, teaches music at Montgomery College and thrives on the local party/concert scene. Concert is Sunday, Jan. 6 at 2 p.m. **RR**

Sculpture "Krafted" with Rockville In Mind

Artist Captures the Vitality of Rockville with New "Crossroads"

After a year and a half process, Rockville is finally entering a crossroads. Artist Craig Kraft installed his sculpture, *Crossroads*, last month on the façade of the parking garage on Hungerford Dr. Kraft's piece was welcomed as a great feature to the community as it was designed to reflect and embody the spirit of Rockville.

"My sculpture captures the spirit, significance and vision that is Rockville today," said Kraft. "Crossroads will illuminate what is unique about the new Rockville Town Square, and to project a vision of Rockville's future."

Kraft is well known in the metropolitan area for his innovation in creating original works of art that advance the techniques he has developed with neon and, more recently, rolled aluminum. He is respected for his ability to pre-



Crossroads – the first public art display in Rockville Town Center can be found outside the Hungerford Dr. parking garage.

cisely manipulate the figure and light. His new structure, designed only for Rockville, is a three-dimensional aluminum and neon light, intended to evoke modern sensibility. "Crossroads will become a symbol of optimism and growth of Rockville's future," said Kraft. Kraft designed the sculpture with glowing neon lines and colored volumes of light to reflect

off the existing architecture. He described its effect as one that will inject the landscape with energy, evoking Rockville's pioneering spirit in the technology and scientific fields.

For more information on Rockville's Art in Public Places program, visit www.rockvillemd.gov/tours/aipp. **RR**

— by Gabrielle Stranieri



HOLIDAY GIVING MAKES AN OVERWHELMING IMPRESSION... Members of the student government at Fallsmead Elementary School presented Community Services Program Manager, Mary Lou Jacobs, a check for Rockville's Holiday Drive. The Holiday Drive provided needy families with food and gift card donations this holiday season.

In Brief

Donate to Aid with Utility Bills

Help a fellow Rockville resident by donating a contribution to the Rockville Emergency Assistance Program. Fill in the space on the quarterly utility bill to donate.

All donations will support a fund that will help residents who need aid with housing, utilities or medical bills.

CALL 240-314-8310 FOR INFO

24-Hour Utilities Hotline

If there is a problem with your water or sewage, you should always call the City of Rockville's 24-hour emergency number.

The City will advise you whether it is a City issue or if you should contact a plumber.

CALL 240-314-8567 FOR INFO

Senior Adult (60 and over) Trips Available

Winter trips are being offered for seniors. Some trips include, travel to Madame Tussauds in Washington, D.C.; Snow tubing in Whitetail, Pa.; lunch at Fisherman's Inn on the Eastern Shore; Rainbow Dinner Theatre

in Paradise, Pa.; and the Anne Murray concert at Strathmore Hall.

A lottery for registration of these trips on Jan. 8 at 10:15 a.m. at the Rockville Senior Center, located at 1150 Carnation Dr.

Details on each trip can be found in the Senior Section of the *Winter Recreation and Parks Guide* available at City facilities.

CALL 240-314-8821 FOR INFO

Snow Shoveling Musts and Needs

Snow must be removed from all sidewalks, steps, driveways, parking spaces and the paved right-of-way sidewalks immediately fronting or abutting a property, including access ramps and curb cuts designed for use by people with disabilities.

Snow and ice removal must occur within 24 hours if the snowfall is less than three inches and within 48 hours if it surpasses three inches. Fines may be imposed if the City ordinance is not followed.

Many older citizens can not physically shovel snow. The Senior Center is compiling a list of those wishing to volunteer, and those seniors who may need assistance. Please contact the Rockville Senior Center at if you

need help or can help with this community service.

CALL 240-314-8330 FOR INFO

Attention: Women, Start-up Business Owners!

Plan now to enter the 5th annual StartRight! Women's Business Plan Competition to win cash and valuable business prizes in early 2008! The deadline to enter a business plan is Jan. 28.

The first place winner will receive \$10,000, second and third place will be awarded \$5,000 and \$2,500 respectively. For more information on eligibility requirements, call Rockville Economic Development, Inc., E-mail info@RockvilleRED.org, or go to www.rockvilleredi.org.

CALL 301-315-8096 FOR INFO

"No School Day" Trip to Wizards Game

Join other 6-12 graders for a fun afternoon at the Washington Wizards game on Jan. 21.

Cost is \$25 for residents/\$35 for non residents. Cost includes admission and supervision but bring additional money for food, drinks, souvenirs and a metro card.

TOWN SQUARE PARKING FEES IN EFFECT SOON... The City expects to announce a date in January when parking fees will be instituted in the Town Square garages.

The three public garages are marked with a blue "P" sign and are throughout Town Square. The parking garage on North Washington St. has 224 public spaces, while the Maryland Ave. garage has about 120 spaces. The Rt. 355 location - Town Square's largest parking garage - has more than 620 spaces available to the public.



Pick-up and drop-off from Julius West Middle School. Register by Jan. 7.

CALL 240-314-8634 FOR INFO

City Services/Meetings Canceled Due to Snow?

There are many ways to find out if a City meeting or recreation program is canceled due to weather:

- The City's Web site at www.rockvillemd.gov
- The Rockville Channel (Cable Channel 11)
- Various radio and television stations. Radio: WTOP (1500 AM, 820 AM, 107.7 FM and 103.5 FM); WARW (94.7 FM); WRQX (107.3 FM); WFRE (99.9 FM and 930 AM). TV: WRC-TV (NBC Channel 4); WTTG-Fox TV

(Channel 5); WJLA-TV (ABC Channel 7 and NewsChannel 8); and WUSA-TV (CBS Channel 9).

• The Recreation Inclement Weather Hotline, 240-314-5020.

CALL 240-314-8116 FOR INFO

Holiday Tree Recycling

Rockville will collect holiday trees as part of its regular recycling pick ups in the month of January.

Bring trees to the curb for pick up on their regular recycling days. Before trees are designated for recycling, residents must remove all ornaments and metals, wires, stands and decorations. Trees should not be bagged.

CALL 240-314-8568 FOR INFO

—compiled by Scott Rogers

CITY

4 New Year's Celebration

8 p.m. Rockville Civic Center. 240-314-8660.

12 Historic Preservation Tax Credit Workshop

9 a.m.-2 p.m. Mayor and Council Chambers, Rockville City Hall. 240-314-8230. Open to all owners of property designated historic within the City limits and it is an opportunity for property owners to have their questions answered and to receive staff assistance.

21 36th Annual Martin Luther King, Jr. Celebration

12-1:45 p.m. Rockville High School, 2100 Baltimore Rd. 240-314-8316. An entertaining family event featuring a guest speaker, two award presentations, mayor remarks, and a reception.

27 9th Annual Glenview Mansion Bridal Expo

12-4 p.m. Glenview Mansion. 240-314-8660. Couples can discuss plans with more than two dozen vendors, enjoy feature displays of invitations, music, photography, bridal party jewelry, floral arrangements, travel and make-up, taste catered appetizers and cakes, see informal gowns modeled throughout the day, and more.

ARTS

The Glenview Mansion Art Gallery and F. Scott Fitzgerald Theatre are located in Rockville's Civic Center Park. Arts Hotline: 240-314-5006.

Tickets may be purchased online at www.rockvillemd.gov/theatre. Service charges apply.

6 Glenview Mansion Art Gallery "Meet the Artists" 1:30 p.m.

11-13 Musical Theater Center Presents "High School Musical" Fri. 8 p.m., Sat. 2 & 7:30 p.m., Sun. 1 & 5 p.m.

25-27 Rockville Little Theatre "Arcadia" Fri., Sat. 8 p.m., Sun. 2 p.m. F. Scott Fitzgerald Theatre.

January

calendar of events

RES. = Residents • NR. = Non Residents • MEM. = Member • NM. = Non Member

29 Rockville Regional Youth Orchestra: Winter Concert

7:30 p.m. F. Scott Fitzgerald Theatre. 240-314-8690.

NATURE

All programs are at the Croydon Creek Nature Center, 852 Avery Road, Rockville Civic Center Park, unless noted. Registration is required. Register online at www.rockvillemd.gov or call 240-314-8770.

9 Junior Naturalist Club - Wildlife Biology

Interested in exploring the natural world? Then join the Junior Naturalist Club at Croydon Creek! Each month we will investigate new topics and learn the skills to become true naturalists. Participants who complete all nine courses will earn an official Junior Naturalist T-shirt. Dress for the weather, as time will be spent outdoors. Advance registration. 4-5:30 p.m. Ages 11-14. \$12 RES/\$14 NR.

17 Tiny Tot Walk - Adult/Child Super Senses

Discover your five senses through hands-on activities and crafts. Learn how animals use their senses, too! Participants will spend time outdoors so dress for the weather. Advance registration. 10:30-11:15 a.m. Ages 2-3 1/2. \$6 RES/\$7 NR.

17 Tyke Hike - Super Senses

Advance registration. 1-2 p.m. Ages 3 1/2-6. \$6 RES/\$7 NR.

19 Tracks and T's

Explore animal tracks and signs in the forest and meadow around Croydon Creek. Learn how to decipher wildlife clues and print a "Tracking T-shirt" to take home. Each participant must bring a plain white T-shirt to decorate. Register by 1/14. 10:30 a.m.-12 p.m. Ages 7-11. \$8 RES/\$10 NR.

SENIORS

All programs are at the Rockville Senior Center, 1150 Carnation Drive, unless noted. Phone: 240-314-8800.

4-Mar.5 Citizenship Class

12:30-2:30 p.m. \$15 MEM/\$20 RES/\$25 NR

8 Keyboard and Mouse (beg)

10 a.m.-2 p.m. FREE MEM/RES/\$3 NR

8 Winter Trip Registration

10:15 a.m.-12 p.m. FREE MEM.

9 January Birthday and Anniversary Party

1:30-3 p.m. Free MEM/RES/\$2 NR. Register by Jan. 2.

9 Clarify Computer Concepts

10 a.m.-12 p.m. \$5 MEM/\$7 RES/\$10 NR

10 The Next Presidential Election

10:30-11:30 a.m. FREE MEM/RES/\$2 NR. Register by Jan. 3.

10 Long Term Care Insurance

1-2:30 p.m. FREE

14 Piecemakers Club

12:45-2:45 p.m. \$8 MEM/\$10 RES/\$13 NR. Register by Jan. 7.

14,23 Computer Essentials

10 a.m.-12 p.m. \$24 MEM/\$30 RES/\$36 NR

15,17 Word Processing (beg)

10:30 a.m.-12 p.m. \$5 MEM/\$7 RES/\$10 NR

15 Winter Trip Registration for non-members & non-residents.

10:30 a.m.-12 p.m. FREE

15 Jewelry Club

10 a.m.-12:30 p.m. \$10 MEM/\$12 RES/\$15 NR. Register by Jan. 8.

15 More Keyboard and Mouse

1-3 p.m. \$5 MEM/\$7 RES/\$10 NR

15 Reverse Mortgages

10 a.m.-12 p.m. FREE

16 Chronic Pain Management

1-2 p.m. FREE

17 Diabetes Management

1-2 p.m. FREE

22 Decluttering and Downsizing

10:30 a.m.-12 p.m. \$5 MEM/\$6 RES/\$7 NR. Register by Jan. 15.

22,29 Carnation Players

3-4 p.m. FREE. Register by Jan. 15.

22 Advance Planning

1-2:30 p.m. FREE

23 Virus Protection and Removal

1-3 p.m. FREE MEM/RES/\$2 NR

23 Elderhostel

6:30-7:30 p.m. FREE MEM/RES/\$2 NR. Register by Jan. 16.

24,31 Windows Accessories

1-3 p.m. \$8 MEM/\$10 RES/\$12 NR

24,31 Watercolor-Advanced

10 a.m.-12 p.m. \$55 MEM/\$68 RES/\$82 NR. Register by Jan. 17.

24 Book Club

10:30-11:30 a.m. FREE MEM/RES/\$3 NR. Register by Jan. 17.

24,31 Chinese Group Piano Lessons

1-2 p.m. \$50 MEM/\$62 RES/\$77 NR. Register by Jan. 17.

28 Madame Tussauds-Washington Trip

10 a.m.-4 p.m. \$43 MEM/\$53 RES/\$66 NR. Register by Jan. 8.

28 Group Piano - Beginner

11 a.m.-2 p.m. \$49 MEM/\$61 RES/\$86 NR. Register by Jan. 21.

28 Group Piano - Intermediate II

10-11 a.m. \$49 MEM/\$61 RES/\$86 NR. Register by Jan. 21.

28,30 Microsoft Word

10 a.m.-12 p.m. \$20 MEM/\$25 RES/\$30 NR

29,31 Windows Operating Systems

10 a.m.-12 p.m. \$38 MEM/\$47 RES/\$56 NR

29,30 AARP Driver Safety Program

10 a.m.-3 p.m. \$5 MEM/\$6 RES/\$8 NR. Plus \$10 payable to AARP at class. Register by Jan. 22.

29 Group Piano - Intermediate

11 a.m.-12 p.m. \$49 MEM/\$61 RES/\$86 NR. Register by Jan. 22.

29 Group Piano - Advanced

Intermediate 10-11 a.m. \$49 MEM/\$61 RES/\$86 NR. Register by Jan. 22.

31 Chess Club

3-4:45 p.m. FREE MEM/RES/\$2 NR. Register by Jan. 24.

BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS

All meetings are at City Hall unless otherwise noted.

2 Rockville Bicycle Advisory Committee

7:15 p.m.

5 Board of Appeals

9:30 a.m.

8 Environment Commission

7:30 p.m.

9 Rockville Sister City Corporation

7:30 p.m.

9,23 Planning Commission

7 p.m.

15 Rockville Seniors Inc.

1 p.m. 1150 Carnation Dr.

16 Rockville Housing Enterprises

6:30 p.m. 621-A Southlawn Ln.

17 Historic District Commission

7:30 p.m.

22 Traffic and Transportation Commission

7:30 p.m.

Bike Tips: Combating the Rain and Cold

Despite the wintry weather, many Rockville residents are choosing bicycles for transportation.

More and more who are taking to the bike paths recognize the many health, environmental and economic advantages associated with bicycle riding.

Even the beginner rider can learn to work around rain and snow with a combination of good riding skills and the right equipment.

Following these bicycling tips can help everyone enjoy winter rides:

Stay Dry and Warm: The best defense against challenging weather is a rain jacket and pants as they cut down on wind and keep you wetness. Breathable fabrics are preferred, but not required. Bicycle fenders also help keep clothes from getting dirty. Additional items to consider include waterproof gloves, a snug hood or cap, as synthetic clothing under-layer



The above bicyclist is crossing the Sister City Friendship Bridge which opened in Oct. The bridge is one of the City's many bike trails and paths that are open year round for pedestrians.

Remember these important winter safety tips when biking: dress appropriately for the weather, look out for puddles and use caution when braking. And, no matter the season, always wear a helmet.

er to whisk away moisture and rain booties to protect shoes. And most importantly, no matter what the weather, always wear a helmet.

Brake Early and Often:

Allow plenty of stopping distance in wet weather. Before planning to stop, gently squeeze the brakes to clear the water from the brake pads.

Avoid Puddles: A puddle can disguise a deep pothole, so avoid puddles at all costs.

Winter riders are encouraged to utilize the many bike-way paths that are located around Rockville. Since 1998, the City has completed the construction of more than 20 miles of multi-use paths (including the Millennium Trail), signed nearly 20 miles of bicycle routes, and striped more than two miles of bike lane. The "Sister City Friendship Bridge," which crosses I-270 at MD Rt. 28, opened in Oct. and is a great access route for both pedestrians and bikers. **RR**

Volunteer Time:



Thanks For "Making Spirits Bright"

The City of Rockville and the staff at Glenview Mansion would like to thank the following decorators and performers who helped make this year's holiday season at Glenview a very special one.

Performers at the Sunday Open Houses included:

- The Watkins Mill High School Madrigals
- The Rockville Singers
- Heart of Maryland Chorus
- The Groove Merchants
- David LaFleur
- HST Cultural Arts
- Sandy Spring Friends School Hand Bell Choir
- Richard Montgomery High School Madrigals

Tree and display decorators included:

- The Finest! Youth Performance Troupe! – Kwanzaa Display
- Chinese American Parents & Students Association
- Christ Episcopal School 2nd Grade
- Croydon Creek Nature Center
- Cub Scout Pack #943
- Gaywood Garden Club
- HST Cultural Arts
- HST Cultural Arts Alumni
- Junior Girl Scout Troop #5715
- The Dubroff Family – Hanukkah Display
- Rockville Art League
- Rockville Little Theatre
- Senior Girl Scout Troop #784

Thanks also to the City staff who helped decorate Glenview this year:

Fitzgerald Theatre technicians Sean O'Brien, Adam Schroat and Daniel Stubbs; and Greg Thomas, Gary Brown, Shawn Canada and Wayne Butler; Glenview custodial staff along with Lew Dronenberg, Facilities Director and Kathleen Moran, Civic Center Superintendent. **RR**

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Art Chambers Says Goodbye to Rockville

He's Heading Back to Kansas – There's No Place Like Home

Art Chambers is retiring from the City of Rockville after seven years as the City's Director of Community Planning and Development Services. Chamber's vision and dedication over the past seven years has shaped and changed the way of life for Rockville's residents. "He will be missed and remembered by the community for his hard work," said City Manager, Scott Ullery.

"Rockville has been a great place to work," said Chambers. "I've been fortunate to have the opportunity to collaborate with a great team of individuals on many great projects over

the years."

Chambers said that his major accomplishments are the planning and development of Town Center and the re-writing and drafting of the Zoning Ordinance. He attributed much of the success of these projects to his colleagues, whom he said have been committed and involved to solving issues and implementing positive change.

"When I came to Rockville, there were no problems to fix, only challenges to be met," said Chambers. "The Mayor and Council have been great to work with. They have really encouraged and challenged



Art Chambers, Rockville's Director of Community Planning and Development Services retires.

my team and me to develop Rockville to the highest quality and standard of living."

Chambers has valued this tremendous vision and ambition of both his team and the community to develop and transform Rockville into the best that it can be. Though he has accomplished his major goals, Chambers said that there is always more to do and develop, and that Rockville continues to change.

Chambers' last day is Jan 16. He will return to Kansas where his family lives and may do work in consulting or planning. **RR**

– by Gabrielle Stranieri

| TRC 11 | THE ROCKVILLE CHANNEL JANUARY PROGRAMMING SCHEDULE | | | | | | | CLIP & SAVE |
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| 12 Midnight until meeting ends | Planning Commission | Historic District Commission | Mayor & Council | Mayor & Council | Historic District Commission | Mayor & Council | Planning Commission | |
| 6 a.m. | City Hall Report | City Hall Report | City Hall Report | City Hall Report | City Hall Report | City Hall Report | City Hall Report | |
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| 7 a.m. | Rockville's Pike Meeting | Heart & Soul: AR '07 | Rockville's Pike Meeting | Heart & Soul: AR '07 | Rockville's Pike Meeting | Heart & Soul: AR '07 | Rockville's Pike Meeting | |
| 7:30 a.m. | | Exploring the Past | | Exploring the Past | | Exploring the Past | | |
| 8 a.m. | City Hall Report | City Hall Report | City Hall Report | City Hall Report | City Hall Report | City Hall Report | City Hall Report | |
| 8:30 a.m. | Historic District Commission | Cityline | Cityline | Cityline | Cityline | Cityline | Mayor & Council | |
| 9 a.m. | | Hi-Tech Patrol | RCB's 50th Anniversary Gala | Hi-Tech Patrol | MLK Day Celebration (after 1/21) | RCB's 50th Anniversary Gala | | |
| 9:30 a.m. | | Exploring the Past | Budget Preview | Budget Preview | Budget Preview | Budget Preview | | |
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| 1 p.m. until meeting ends | Mayor & Council | Planning Commission | Mayor & Council | Historic District Commission | Planning Commission | Mayor & Council | Planning Commission | |
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